



CHRISTMAS  
*Live!*

# Large Group

## Christmas: Live! Series at a Glance for Elevate

### About this Series:

And... we're live! If you could interview the people who were there when Jesus was born, what would you ask them? In this series, we'll be hearing the stories of people who God told that Jesus was coming, and who met him after he had been born.

### Key Verse:

Luke 2:10-11- "I bring you good news. It will bring great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord."

### Weekly Overview:

<b>Lesson:</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Big Idea:</b>
Lesson 1: November 7/8	The Promise and the Plan Genesis 3	God's plans are for my good.
Lesson 2: November 14/15	Isaiah Isaiah 7; 42:1-9	I can have hope in God's promises.
Lesson 3: November 21/22	Zechariah and Elizabeth Luke 1	I can trust God with everything.
Lesson 4: November 28/29	Wise Men Matthew 2:1-12	I can follow Jesus into the unknown.
Lesson 5: December 5/6	Shepherds Luke 2:1-20	God gives me joy that I can share with others.
Lesson 6: December 12/13	Mary and Joseph Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38	God can give me peace when life doesn't go the way I want it to.
Lesson 7: Christmas Week	Jesus Luke 2:1-20	Jesus can change my story into something new.

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## Series at a Glance for Elevate (continued)

### **Lesson 1: The Promise and the Plan**

“Maybe you’ve failed. Maybe you’ve felt like you’ve lost your way. Maybe you’ve wondered if God has a plan for you. I want you to know he does. No matter what has happened to you, no matter what you’ve gone through, or how broken you’ve felt, God has a plan for you, and that plan is for your good.”

### **Lesson 2: Isaiah**

“God’s promise is going to come true. I believe that with all my heart. We can hold onto every promise that God has made, no matter how difficult life becomes.”

### **Lesson 3: Zechariah and Elizabeth**

“God’s instructions seemed so strange. We would have a child, even though we were very old. We would give him a name that was strange to us. We knew we would stand out in so many ways, but we also believed that nothing was more important than trusting God completely.”

### **Lesson 4: Wise Men**

“We knew it was a risk, traveling so far, only to meet a baby. We could give our gifts to some king and he would reward us, a baby couldn’t give us anything. But how would that show faith, to give gifts to someone everyone knew was a king? We knew God was giving us a special chance, a chance to be part of something amazing.”

### **Lesson 5: Shepherds**

“God takes things that don’t seem important and makes them the most important. With him we see that this world is wonderful, that we are loved, and that every person is valuable. I don’t think this kind of joy will ever end!”

### **Lesson 6: Mary and Joseph**

“Following God’s plan didn’t make our lives easy or straightforward. Actually, it turned them upside-down, changed almost every expectation we had. But it also gave us something incredible, a peace that never changes, never fails, even in the greatest storm.”

### **Lesson 7: Jesus**

“Jesus showed everyone that wherever they come from, whatever they’ve done, whatever they’re running from, he can take their story, and make it new. He made a way for every person in the world to know God and live for him.”

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## Lesson Outline for Elevate

### Lesson 5: Shepherds

Lesson Segment	Total Running Time
Opening Song and Welcome (1:00)	
Team Time (14:00)	
Media Part 1 (Big Problem) (5:00)	0:00 – 20:00
Group Time 1 (7:00)	
Media 2 (Bible Story) (5:00)	
Group Time 2 (7:00)	20:00 – 40:00
Media 3 (Application) (5:00)	
Worship (8:00)	
Media Part 4 (Game) (5:00)	
Wrap-Up (2:00)	40:00 - 60:00



Video Cue



Slide Cue



Audio Cue



Tech Notes

## Opening Song and Welcome

1:00



*(Roll when directed)* Elevate Opener

**Do This:** During the song, encourage kids to find a place to sit, and let them know it's time to get started.

Welcome everyone, let's get started! I'm so glad you're all here! Come on up and find a place to sit.



*(Auto advance)* Elevate Slide and Underscore

My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I'm so excited to be here with all of you!

Elevate is an awesome place where we get to have fun and learn about God. It's also a place where we show respect. We respect the leaders in here by listening and following their instructions. We respect others by being kind and keeping our hands to ourselves. And we respect the room by being safe, and not damaging anything. Showing respect like that helps us all have an awesome time.

## Team Time

14:00



Series Title Slide: Christmas: Live! and clear audio

**Do This:** If your stage has a desk and microphone, sit down behind it. You can act like a radio announcer as much as you feel comfortable.

Now, I'd like to welcome all of you once again to our annual Christmas show: Christmas: Live! Each week, we're looking at the stories that lead up to the day Jesus was born. We've got some incredible things in store for you today, we'll have some fun,

sing some songs, and hear the story of some people who learned what it means to have joy.

We're going to get started by playing a game called "Two-second Christmas songs."



Game Title Slide: "Two-second Christmas songs"

I'm going to play a Christmas song for you, but I'm only going to play two seconds of it. Then, we'll see if you can guess what song it is. You can guess by moving to the sign with your answer on it, hung around the room! Ready? Let's get started with our first song!



Jingle Bells 2 second audio and options below:

- A. We Wish you a Merry Christmas
- B. Jingle Bells
- C. Joy to the World
- D. Hallelujah Chorus

**Do This:** Read the options from the screen.

What song do you think that was? Make your guess!

Let's find out if you're correct!



Jingle Bells full audio and options below:

- A. We Wish you a Merry Christmas
- B. Jingle Bells**
- C. Joy to the World
- D. Hallelujah Chorus

The answer is: Jingle Bells! Let's hear another two-second-long song!



Hark the Herald Angels 2 second audio and options below:

- A. Hark the Herald Angels Sing
- B. O Christmas Tree
- C. Silent Night
- D. Angels we have Heard on High

**Do This:** Read the options from the screen.

What song do you think that was? Make your guess!

Let's find out if you're correct!



Hark the Herald Angels full audio and options below:

- A. **Hark the Herald Angels Sing**
- B. O Christmas Tree
- C. Silent Night
- D. Angels we have Heard on High

The answer is A: Hark the Herald Angels Sing. That's an old Christmas song! Let's listen to another one.



Joy to the World 2 second audio and options below:

- A. Jingle Bell Rock
- B. The First Noel
- C. Joy to the World
- D. O Come All Ye Faithful

**Do This:** Read the options from the screen.

What song do you think that was? Make your guess!

Let's find out if you're correct!



Joy to the World full audio and options below:

- A. Jingle Bell Rock
- B. The First Noel
- C. **Joy to the World**
- D. O Come All Ye Faithful

That one was C: "Joy to the World!" We've got a few more to listen to. Let's keep going!



Silent Night 2 second audio and options below:

- A. Silent Night
- B. The First Noel
- C. Away in a Manger
- D. Let It Snow

**Do This:** Read the options from the screen.

What song do you think that was? Make your guess!

Let's find out if you're correct!



Silent Night full audio and options below:

- A. **Silent Night**
- B. The First Noel
- C. Away in a Manger
- D. Let It Snow

That one was A: Silent Night! Let's keep on going.



Winter Wonderland 2 second audio and options below:

- A. White Christmas
- B. Let It Snow
- C. I Saw Three Ships
- D. Winter Wonderland

**Do This:** Read the options from the screen.

What song do you think that was? Make your guess!

Let's find out if you're correct!



Winter Wonderland full audio and options below:

- A. White Christmas
- B. Let It Snow
- C. I Saw Three Ships
- D. **Winter Wonderland**

That was D: "Winter Wonderland!" Let's listen up for our final Christmas song!



Deck the Halls 2 second audio and options below:

- A. Sleigh Ride
- B. Deck the Halls
- C. Little Drummer Boy
- D. We Three Kings

**Do This:** Read the options from the screen.

What song do you think that was? Make your guess!

Let's find out if you're correct!





Deck the Halls full audio and options below:

- A. Sleigh Ride
- B. Deck the Halls**
- C. Little Drummer Boy
- D. We Three Kings

That one was B: Deck the Halls! Great listening, everyone, you can come back to the middle and find a spot to sit.



Game Title Slide: “Two-second Christmas songs” and clear audio.

Next up, we’ve got our question of the day to answer!



Question of the Day Video



*(Auto Advance)* QOTD Slide: What is one happy memory you have?

What is one happy memory you have? Talk about that with the people around you for a bit!

**Do This:** Allow kids to talk for about 30 seconds.



Series Title Slide: Christmas: Live!

It can be fun to even think back about times when we felt really happy.

## Media Part 1: Big Problem

5:00

Next up, we’re going to check in with Josh and Beka. Let’s find out what they’re up to today.



Media: Part 1 (5:00)



*(Auto advance)* Group Time Slide

That's a really big question. Keep thinking about that, because next you're going to talk about it with your groups! Go ahead and follow your group leader to your spot.

## Group Time 1

7:00



7:00 Group Time Countdown



*(Auto advance)* Series Title Slide: Christmas: Live!

**Do This:** Make sure each kid finds their group. Help group leaders if there is a need. Encourage kids as they work to discuss the question.

**Know This:** During this time, groups are expected to look in the Bible to see if they can solve the big question presented in the media. They'll spend time reading the Bible and discussing the problem. Help group leaders engage kids and facilitate discussion as much as possible.

## Media Part 2- Bible Story

5:00

You can come back to the middle and find a spot to sit. I hope you had a great time talking with your group! Next up, Josh and Beka have a Bible story for us that might help us think of an answer to the big questions we've been talking about.



Media: Part 2 (Bible Story) (4:00)



*(Auto advance)* Series Title Slide: Christmas: Live!

What a great story! Next, your group leaders have an activity for you, so meet them in your group's spot.

## Group Time 2

8:00



8:00 Group Time Countdown



*(Auto advance)* Series Title Slide: Christmas: Live!

**Do This:** Make sure each kid finds their group. Help group leaders if there is a need. Encourage kids as they work to discuss the question.

**Know This:** During this time, groups are expected to complete an activity or object lesson around the lesson we're learning. Make sure group leaders have all the supplies that they need, and that they understand what they're doing in this section ahead of time.

## Media 3: Application

5:00

I wonder what Josh and Beka learned from all they've done today? Next up, we get to find out!



Media: Part 3 (Application) (4:00)



*(Auto-Advance)* Series Title Slide: Christmas: Live!

What an amazing thought to remember. God gives us joy, and we can share that joy with others! There are so many ways to share joy, and one of those is by singing!

## Worship

8:00

It's getting close to Christmas, let's stand up and get moving by singing a Christmas song!



Song #1: Joy to the World



(Auto-Advance) Worship Slide

Let's keep on singing and moving with another song!



Song #2: Jump



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Christmas: Live!

Singing with all of you is awesome. You can sit, but let's take a moment to talk to God.

God, we love you. Thank you for giving us joy. Help us to share that joy with others. Amen.

## Media Part 4: Game

6:00

You can find a spot to sit. I love getting to sing with all of you. Now let's see how Josh and Beka's adventure wraps up.



Media: Part 4 (Game) (4:00)



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Christmas: Live!

## Wrap-Up

1:00

We have something special for you to pick up when you leave today, an invitation to our Christmas party in two weeks! You're all invited, of course, but these invitations are for you to give away! Take a couple of them and be sure to invite others to celebrate Christmas with us here in Elevate!

**Do This:** Show kids the invitation.

Our Christmas party will be incredible, with Christmas games, music, and prizes. You can look at the invitations for more details, and be sure to give an invitation away this week.

I'm so glad you were here today, and I hope you all come back next week as we continue our countdown to Christmas with more Christmas: Live!



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